

Additionally as a Commissioner, her efforts focused on delivering on a variety of issues like: Fighting for a fair share of resources for South Miami-Dade, increasing the County police force by 80 officers, expanding economic opportunity, championing parks and the environment, advocating for transit improvements and better planning, and hosting the annual South Dade Solutions Summit. She secured over \$30 million in funds for infrastructure projects in South Miami-Dade.

Mayor Levine Cava came to elected office after having served as an advocate for South Florida families for over 30 years. She served special needs children and immigrants at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and then represented children in the child welfare system as Associate and Legal Director for the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of devastating Hurricane Andrew, she was recruited to create a new intake system for child abuse cases with the Florida Department of Children and Families. Her efforts were concentrated on the neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County's District 8, where she helped restore the lives and homes of those devastated by the storm.

In 1996, Mayor Levine Cava founded the social service organization Catalyst Miami, to help low- and middle-income families through education and advocacy. Catalyst helps approximately 5,000 people each year to become more self-sufficient.

The passionate work that Mayor Levine Cava has done in the community also includes service with notable organizations like the Florida Bar Committee on Legal Needs of Children; the boards of League of Women Voters, Orange Bowl Foundation, North Dade Medical Foundation, South Florida Health Information Initiative, and several national boards.

She has been recognized and awarded for her impact on the community by numerous organizations including: the Commission on Eth-

ics, Red Cross, American Society for Public Administration, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW, among others.

Born in New York and raised partly in Latin America, Mayor Daniella received her bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from Yale University and graduate degrees in law and social work from Columbia University.

She came to South Florida in 1980 to join her husband, Dr. Robert Cava, a Miami native, who returned home to join his father in medical practice. Mayor Levine Cava and her husband raised two children, Eliza and Edward Cava.

Madam Speaker, I urge you, my colleagues in Congress, and all Americans to join me in honoring Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida and her dedication and commitment to her community and our great nation.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2021*

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Chamber on January 5, 2021, to attend a funeral in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call number 9.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF COUP ACT

### HON. JAMAAL BOWMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 12, 2021*

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share that I am introducing legislation to

create a national commission to investigate the attempted insurrection on January 6th, and root out ties between white supremacists, white nationalists, and Capitol Police.

How did a group of armed, violent seditionists march into one of the most secure buildings, forcing Members of Congress to hide under their desks? What did the authorities know, and when did they know it? We need a national commission that will dig into the facts and openly share findings with the public.

What was abundantly clear last week was the stark contrast between the scarce and under-equipped security when insurrectionists stormed the Capitol—and how law enforcement agencies in D.C. and across the country rallied resources to brutalize and suppress demonstrators who were protesting in defense of Black lives and the lives of disabled people.

But what we saw last week is not new—it is a continuation of the American tradition of white backlash in the wake of social progress. And in this moment, I know that my colleagues and I will rise to the challenge and work to help our country heal. But none of this reconciliation can happen without truth and justice first.

As long as we allow white supremacy to continue to thrive in our society and our institutions, we will continue to suffer the consequences at the hands of its adherents. This is why it is so important that we pass my bill, the Congressional Oversight of Unjust Policing Act. My bill is the first step in the difficult task of investigating the failures in leadership and security that led up to the deadly events of January 6, 2021, and rooting out white supremacy in our law enforcement.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation, and join me in moving it to full passage.